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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-styled patent application, please amend the application as shown below and consider the appended remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the last three paragraphs of the Brief Description of the drawings section on page 10 and the first two paragraphs on page 11 with the following paragraphs:

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Fig. 12 is a logic flow diagram illustrating an exemplary token bucket emulation algorithm.

Fig. 13 is a logic flow diagram illustrating a more detailed exemplary subprocess of step 1325 in Fig. 12.

Fig. 14 is a logic flow diagram illustrating a more detailed exemplary subprocess of step 1330 in Fig. 12.

Fig. 15 is a logic flow diagram illustrating a more detailed exemplary subprocess of step 1335 in Fig. 12.

Fig. 16 is a logic flow diagram illustrating a more detailed exemplary subprocess of step 1365 in Fig. 12.

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**REMARKS**

Applicants have amended the specification to correct the discrepancy identified by the Initial Patent Examination Division between the originally filed brief description of the drawings section of the text and originally filed drawings.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

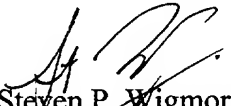
Specifically, the brief description of Figure 12 has been added while the description for Figures 13-16 have been changed to be consistent with the originally filed Figures. Further, the brief description for Figure 17 has been deleted since a Figure 17 was not submitted in this application at the time of filing.

The undersigned certifies that no new matter is being introduced by the preliminary amendment because the originally filed drawings support all amendments made herein. The Applicants note that the language for the brief description of Figure 12 was taken literally and entirely from the first step 1305 of Figure 12 in the originally filed drawings.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-styled continuation patent application, as amended, is in condition for examination and requests such action. If any issues remain that may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 404.572.2884.

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Please replace the last three paragraphs of the Brief Description of the drawings section on page 10 and the first two paragraphs on page 11 with the following paragraphs:

Fig. 12 is a logic flow diagram illustrating an exemplary token bucket emulation algorithm.

Fig. 13 is a logic flow diagram illustrating a more detailed exemplary subprocess of step 1325[1220] in Fig. 12[11].

Fig. 14 is a logic flow diagram illustrating a more detailed exemplary subprocess of step 1330[1325] in Fig. 12.

Fig. 15 is a logic flow diagram illustrating a more detailed exemplary subprocess of step 1335[1330] in Fig. 12.

Fig. 16 is a logic flow diagram illustrating a more detailed exemplary subprocess of step 1365[1335] in Fig. 12.

[Fig. 17 is a logic flow diagram illustrating a more detailed exemplary subprocess of step 1365 in Fig. 12.]

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